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TO: Each Supervisor

FROM: Donald L. Wolfe
Interim Director of Public Works

STORM REPORT—OCTOBER 27, 2004

The storm last night and this morning produced moderate rainfall throughout the County. As a result of the storm, three roads in the Antelope Valley area were closed due to flooding and remain closed at this time. The snow level dropped to 5,000 feet in the San Gabriel Mountains. Snow clearing was required on Big Pines Highway, Big Rock Creek, Bobs Gap, Largo Vista, Table Mountain, Valyermo, and Wrightwood Roads. Scattered traffic signal problems occurred throughout the County.

The storm produced total precipitation amounts of 1.37 inches at Big Rock Mesa in Malibu, 1.93 inches in Alhambra, 1.93 inches at the Los Angeles Civic Center, 1.38 inches in the Santa Clarita area, and 0.52 inches in Quartz Hill. This storm brought the annual rainfall total at the Alhambra Headquarters to 5.12 inches, which is 4.69 inches above the normal rainfall amount of 0.43 inches for this time of the year.

We had previously reported to you on three flood control facilities damaged by the October 20 storm. These were Rubio Wash at Del Mar Boulevard and Allen Avenue, Los Angeles River at the 105 Freeway, and Project No. 7201 in San Marino. Temporary repairs were made prior to this storm. There were no additional problems to these facilities due to this storm.

The current weather forecast predicts scattered showers with possible thunderstorms occurring through tonight.

Attached is our internal storm summary report.

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cc: Chief Administrative Office
Executive Office

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS SITUATION STATUS

EVENT OF OCTOBER 26, 2004
STATUS AS OF 9:00 A.M. OCTOBER 27, 2004

The Department Operations Center was activated to LEVEL 1 activation at 7:00 p.m. October 26, 2004 and was downgraded to a monitoring mode at 7:00 a.m. October 27, 2004.

EVENT SUMMARY

<u>Location</u>	<u>Amount (inches) *</u>
Alhambra Headqtrs	1.93
L.A Civic Center**	1.93
L. A. River @ Wardlow Long Beach	1.46
Chilao	2.87
Big Rock Malibu Coast	1.37
Puddingstone Diversion Dam	2.09
Mint Canyon @ Fitch	1.38

* Report period from 6:00 P.M. (10/26/04) to 9:00 A.M. (10/27/04)

** Total seasonal rainfall at this location is 5.12 inches
Normal rainfall to date is 0.43 inches.

AIRPORTS

BRIDGES

DAMS

ROADS AND HIGHWAYS

3:15 AM Road Closure reported: Avenue K – 52nd Street West / 50th Street West, RD 551, TG 4104G2, Due to Flooding

MD1 – RD514, RD518, & Baldwin Park Tree Crew were patrolling during the storm. Report no major damage or road closures. Report one tree down on Turnbull Canyon Road. Report slides throughout RD518 area. Report removal of rocks and mud from roadway in RD416 area.

MD3 – RD336 & RD339 crews patrolling throughout the night. Report minor slide damage.

MD4 – RD 446 responded to report of cross-gutter being undermined by the storm flows; citizens in cul-de-sac unable to leave. Construction Division inspector could not be reached. RD446 crews worked to patch the cross gutter and restored access to residents. RD 446 responded to various trees down. Report one tree fell and crushed a windshield at Newgate Ave. RD 446 responded to flooding on roadway; draining water into sewer line. RD 241 repaired pot holes, picked up tree limbs, and cleaned catch basin retractable screens in their area.

MD5 – Minor flooding in various locations, signs put out, roads remain open. Minor slides in the mountainous areas, roads remain open. Chain controls on Big Pines Hwy above 5,000 feet, and on Table Mountain Road above 7,000 feet. Avenue K closed due to flooding from 52nd St. West to 50th St. West. Avenue N closed due to flooding from 40th St. East to 50th St. East. 40th St. East closed due to flooding from Avenue R to Avenue N.

Snow clearing was required on the following roads: Wrightwood Rd, Bobs Gap Rd, Big Pines Hwy, Lower Big Pines, Table Mountain Rd, Big Rock Creek Rd, Largo Vista Rd, and Valyermo Rd

FLOOD CONTROL SYSTEM

Imperial Yard (South)

Crews manned the yard at 8:00 pm.

Ran patrols throughout the night. No significant problems reported.

Longden Yard (East)

Crews manned the yard at 8:00 p.m. Ryan Romo reported at 2:00 a.m. that crews were running routines in the East Area, encountered some minor plugging of inlets and bench drains. Crews have cleaned the inlets and bench drains and are progressing through the routines. During this reporting period, spreading operations were taking place at Citrus, Irwindale, Forbes and Ben Lomond Spreading Grounds. The East Area has not received any complaint calls from the general public. At 4:00 a.m. no changes from the prior reporting.

Eaton Yard

Crews manned the yard at 12:00 a.m. Jose Quevedo reported on Rubio Wash at 2:15 a.m. Water was flowing at about 8-10 inches high. Eaton spreading basin is in operation. Dam operator on duty at Devils Gate Dam At 4:00 a.m., no changes from the prior reporting.

San Dimas Yard

Crews manned the yard at 1:30 a.m. Crews were running routines throughout the night with minor plugging of inlets that were cleared.

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Hansen Yard (West)

Crews manned the yard at 8:00 p.m.

During patrols few drain inlets were unplugged, no further incidents were reported.

Pickens

Crews manned the yard at 7:00 p.m. Randy Johnson reported no problem in his area.

Santa Clara Yard

Crews manned the yard at 7:00 p.m. Crews reported heavy debris at PD 1003. Equipment is on site removing debris. Crews are keeping a close watch on PD 1003 and other hot spots. Some street flooding was reported within the City of Santa Clara. The City was notified.

WATERWORKS AND SEWER MAINTENANCE

PRIVATE STRUCTURES

CONSTRUCTION

The following projects were patrolled:

Pico Canyon Channel Stabilizers and Invert Access Ramp
Dominger Drain and Pump Station
Sun Valley Watershed – Sun Valley Park Drain and Infiltration System
50th Street West and Avenue M
Private Drain 2565
San Marino Drain
Holmes Avenue Drain

The following Permit Projects were patrolled:

Los Angeles River
Padua Avenue at Mt. Baldy
Ballona Creek at Overland
Parcel Map 26612 in Palmdale

No incidents occurred on any projects.

OPERATIONAL SERVICES DIVISION

OTHER INFORMATION

Reviewed by:

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